

PEACE, JUSTICE AND THE ICC: FROM KAMPALA TO TRIPOLI

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The past two decades have seen the establishment of ad hoc courts and tribunals in the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Lebanon and East Timor, as well as the permanent International Criminal Court (ICC).

The achievements of these institutions are many – international criminal jurisprudence has expanded exponentially, narratives of crimes perpetrated have been recorded, and many individuals have been brought to justice for the most serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. Future perpetrators can no longer bank on impunity.

Is the story, however, one of unmitigated success? Have these developments served as a deterrent? Is the ICC an agent of victor's justice? Will the ICC be hamstrung by a lack of State cooperation? Can international criminal justice be an obstruction on the path to peace? The 2011 Humanitarian Law Perspectives seminar will consider a critical analysis of these issues and more, with a panel of experts in the area of international criminal law.

Presenters

Prof Steven Freeland will discuss those aspects of the jurisdiction of the ICC arising from referrals either by the UN Security Council or by States. Steven will reflect on the potential risks and difficulties of referrals to the ICC in what is often an extremely politically charged environment.

Steven Freeland is Professor of International Law at the University of Western Sydney, and a Permanent Visiting Professor in International Law at the University of Copenhagen. He has also been a Visiting Professional within the Appeals Chamber at the ICC, and a Special Advisor to the Danish Foreign Ministry in matters related to the ICC.

Dr Sarah Williams will examine the aspects of Head of State immunity and State cooperation, looking in particular at referrals to the ICC from the UN Security Council.

Sarah Williams is a Senior Lecturer and the Director of International Law programs at the University of NSW. She has acted as a consultant to the European Commission, the British Red Cross, the International Federation of the Red Cross and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. Sarah's book on Internationalized Criminal Tribunals will be published in 2011.

Dr Carrie McDougall will examine the intersection between security and justice, analysing the ability of the UN Security Council to defer ICC action. Carrie will also address claims that ICC indictments have caused prolonged conflict in Sudan and Libya on the one hand, and that there can be no peace without justice on the other.

Carrie McDougall is a Legal Specialist in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's International Law Section. She held a Research Fellowship at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law and spent time as part of Australia's Delegation to the UN and acted as legal researcher for the amicus curiae in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic. She was an advisor to the Australian Delegation to the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression before attending the ICC Review Conference last year as an independent expert.

Venue

PricewaterhouseCoopers
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Booking and Enquiries

The seminar is free but bookings are essential. Please RSVP to **Peter Giugni** at Australian Red Cross: pgiugni@redcross.org.au or **(02) 9229 4294**



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